THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.—The Mayor has issued invitations for a meeting to be held at the Town Hall, on Thursday next, at three o'clock, to hear an address from Miss Hutton, of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, on the work of the society, and to consider the advisability of forming an aid committee in Limerick. The Right Rev the Lord Bishop of Limerick, is expected to attend.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Yesterday a child named Mary Holland, aged three years, was received into Barrington's Hospital, suffering from very severe injuries received on the face and body. It appears that the mother, who resides at Pennywell, went out to a neighbour's house, leaving the child within. While absent she got into the fire somehow or other, and when the mother returned she found her dreadfully injured, as already stated. The little sufferer died at the hospital this morning.

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS' AND THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.—A Reuter's telegram from St. Petersburgh states:—"Much satisfaction is expressed by the Russian papers, and is generally felt by the public, at the conscientious manner in which the representatives of the Society of Friends have distributed the funds contributed by the Society for the relief of the famine sufferers in Russia, and the impartiality with which they have rendered an account of their mission in the English Press." We understand the members of this small sect have themselves subscribed £100,000, in addition to what has been collected by or given to them to distribute.

FISHING AT CASTLECONNELL.—The weather for the past week has been very cold. There is every appearance of another fall of snow, and last evening it was freezing pretty hard. Fishing has improved somewhat, and next week there should be a pretty good return. The following is the return for the past week:—On Doonas fishery, Mr H. Hodges' men got, on 3rd inst., one salmon, 34lbs; 4th, one, 24lbs. On Hermitage fishery, Mr R E Birch got, on 2nd inst., one salmon, 10lbs; 3rd, one, 21lbs. Mr G W Greenhill's men, on Summerhill and DeBurgho fisheries, 2nd inst., one salmon, 35lbs. On Woodlands fishery, Mr A Forbes' men got, on 3rd inst., one salmon, 10lbs. Mr W P Kelly, on Erinagh fishery, 27th ult., one salmon, 42lbs.—COR.

FIRE AT DUBLIN CASTLE.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Dublin, Saturday.

A fire broke out at four o'clock this afternoon in Dublin Castle. A mounted hussar was despatched in great haste for the fire brigade, and much excitement prevailed outside the Castle, where a large crowd of people collected. It is stated the fire broke out in the State Apartments, where the electric light is used. With ample assistance the fire brigade quickly extinguished the flames, which broke out in the corridor leading to the State Apartments. A beam over the fireplace was ignited, and the fire was rapidly spreading when first discovered. Considerable damage was done by water, and the tearing up of boards. It was fortunate the fire did not occur at night.

SCHOOL *FETE* AT RATHKEALE.

The annual school *fete* came off in the above parish, on last Wednesday evening, in the Parochial School House, and was the most successful held for many years. Several ladies interested themselves in the organization of it, and amongst those who were present ministering to the children's wants and happiness were—Mrs and Miss Studdert, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Johnstone, The Misses McKiernan, The Misses Gibbings, and the Misses Wills. At seven o'clock, exactly eighty sat down to tea and cakes, and evidently enjoyed themselves. Several sacred pieces were sung by the ladies, with pianoforte accompaniment, and then the Rev. Canon Wills addressed the meeting for about fifteen minutes. The ladies had provided a liberal supply of oranges and varied sweets for the children, and Mrs Lloyd, of Beechmount, supplemented these with another large package of oranges, crackers, etc. It was a pleasant and encouraging sight to see so many young folk together in the full swing of happiness; [illegible] closing hymn and prayer, all dis-

FUNERAL OF LADY ROCHE.

The funeral of this deeply-lamented lady took place yesterday, and was attended by people of all classes and creeds from the surrounding districts. Lady Roche was a deservedly great favourite, and her demise has aroused feelings of intense regret amongst the community, who deeply sympathise with Sir David Roche, Bart., in his bereavement. A large number of tenants were present, and on all sides there was an anxious desire to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of the deceased lady. The floral offerings were so numerous that a carriage was specially set apart to convey them to the church. The funeral left Curass at half-past eleven o'clock for Croom churchyard, where the interment took place in the family vault. The chief mourners were—Sir David Roche, Bart; Mr Standish Roche, Mr Cecil Vandeleur, and Mr John Roche Kelly, D L. It would be impossible to give anything like a full list of the attendance, but we append some of the names of those who were present or sent carriages—Lord Emly, Lord Dunraven, Lord Clarina, Lord Massy, Lord Fermoy, Col. The Hon Lionel Massey, Captain Vanderkiste, the County High Sheriff (Mr George Caulfield), Colonel Drew, Drewscourt; Mr J F Bannatyne, D.L; Mr A E Bannatyne, Sir C B Barrington, Bart; Mr J B Barrington, J P; Mr J Grene Barry, J P; Mr T J Franks, J P; Mr John P White, D L; Viscount Glentworth, Major-General Lloyd, J P, Beechmount; Mr E W O'Brien, D L; Captain E Croker, D L; Mr Wm Waller, D L; Mr Dawson Westropp, Major W D Maunsell, J P; Mr R J Gabbett, J P; Major T H de Burgh, Mr Thomas W Browning, J P; Mr J O'Grady Delmege, J P; Captain Fitzjohn Fitzgerald, Glin; Mr T D Atkinson, J P; Mr William White, Very Rev the Dean of Limerick, Rev Chancellor Gabbett, Croom; Rev Canon O'Brien, Adare; Mr John Morton, Manager Provincial Bank; Mr A Caulfield, Dr Hartigan, Dr N Browning, Dr George Browning, Dr Clifford, Adare; Mr Peter Fitzgerald, J P; Mr George Furnell, J P, Abbeyville; Mr R W Ievers, J P; Rev Father Flanagan, P P, Adare; Colonel Massy Westropp, Mr E White, Fort Etna; Mr F G M Kennedy, J P; Captain Forester, M F H; Mr R de Ros Rose, Mr Robert Saunders, Mr Poole Gabbett, Mr W F O'Grady, J P; Mr John Ellard, Mr Barnett (M Birney and Co); Mr J Shire, Croom; Mr H Johnstone, Croom; Mr J Riordan, Mr P Hartigan, Clorane; Mr Luke Christy, Carrigeen; Mr John Christy, do; Mr J Lane, Donoman; Mr J Lane, Castleroberts; Mr T Lynch, Croom; Mr L Moore, Croom; Mr W Clelland, Curass; Mr John Conway, Clerk of the Croom Union; Mr P Carroll, Mr C E Townsend, J P, Kilmallock; Mr J H Weldon, do; Mr Maunsell, Newbrough; Mr W S Cox, C E; Mr J Welply, Mr E M Russell, Milford, Mr George Harris, Hon Gaston Monsell, D L; Mr F Foshery, Mr J Bevan, Glen Bevan; Mr W T Bevan, do; Captain Caulfield, Mr Massy Hewson, Limerick; Mr Thomas Conway, Mr J C Cooper, J P; Mr Manning, Croom; Mr Sheehy, Cherrygrove; Col Brown, Mr R Hunt, J P; Mr J Lyons, Feenagh; Mr Martin Anhid, Mr A Cooper, Mr J Browning.

The officiating clergy were—Dean Bunbury, and Rev Chancellor Gabbett.

The following amongst others sent wreaths:—Mr and Mrs William Roche, Lady Spaight, Mrs Burdon, Miss Roche, Mr and Mrs Cecil Vandeleur, the Countess of Dunraven, the Honble. Mrs Barton, the Honble Mrs Forester, Mrs W Vanderkiste, House Servants, Colonel and Mrs Vesey Brown, Mrs and Miss Massy Dawson, Mrs Lowndes, Mrs E Gabbett, Miss Gabbett, Mrs Browning, Mrs Sanders, Mrs John Vanderkiste, Mrs A Caulfield, Mr James F Bannatyne, Mr and Miss White, Mrs Cox, Mrs Robert Massy, Mrs Furnell, and many others.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P. M'Carthy and Sons.

At the weekly meeting of the guardians of Croom union, on Thursday, Mr T. D. Clifford (chairman) presiding, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That we, the guardians of the Croom Union, tender to Sir David Roche, Bart, our sincere sympathy in the loss he has sustained by the death of his dear wife, Lady Roche, and as a mark of respect to him we hereby adjourn the business of the board. A copy of this resolution to be forwarded to Sir David Roche, Bart."

FANCY DRESS BALL AT THE ABBEY, TIPPERARY.

This agreeable ball, which took place a few nights since, notwithstanding the great severity

PRESENTATION TO MR. M. E. CONWAY.

On Monday last, Mr M. E. Conway was the recipient of an address and testimonial at the hands of the Local Postal and Telegraph Staffs and the District Sub-Postmasters on the occasion of his retirement from the Postmastership of Limerick.

A large number of the staff, including Mr O'Keeffe, Telegraph Superintendent, were assembled in the Postmaster's office, Mr T. P. Hook, the Acting Postmaster, occupied the chair.

The presentation consisted of a valuable gold repeater watch with Mr Conway's monogram artistically engraved, and the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr M. E. Conway on retirement from the Postmastership of Limerick, on pension, by the Postal and Telegraph Staffs at the head office and the District Sub-Postmasters. It is earnestly hoped that this small tribute of respect will afford guidance as ready and trustworthy as the subscribers have at all times received from Mr Conway. Limerick, 1st February, 1892."

A large number of letters from the different subscribers beautifully bound in album form and prefaced by an inscription, signed by the chief clerk and telegraph superintendent, setting forth the feelings of the head office staff, constituted the address.

Mr Hook, in making the presentation, delivered an eloquent speech in which he dwelt on Mr Conway's long connection with the office, his unfailing courtesy and kindness, unswerving rectitude, and the many other good qualities of head and heart which had secured for him the respect and esteem of his subordinates. Speaking for himself, Mr Hook had much to thank their late Postmaster for, as he had always been a great stay to him, and was ever ready to assist him by his advice and experience in anything he undertook.

Mr O'Keeffe, on behalf of the Telegraph Staff, re-echoed the sentiments expressed by Mr Hook, and was followed by Mr Humphries, who in like terms expressed the feelings of the department represented by him.

Mr Conway, who was visibly moved, thanked each and all for the very kind things they had said about him, and for their valuable presentation, which he said he would cherish during the remainder of his life, and which would be carefully treasured by those who should follow him. He was not conscious of having done anything to deserve such a manifestation of their regard. The matter came upon him quite by surprise, and he could not, therefore, be expected to deliver himself in so eloquent a manner as his friend, Mr Hook, had done; nevertheless, he assured them he was deeply sensible of the feeling displayed towards him, and begged again to tender the expression of his most hearty thanks.

It should be mentioned that the watch was supplied by Mr H. L. Stewart, jeweller, 104, George-street. The album containing the letters, which was a beautiful specimen of the bookbinder's art, was turned out by Messrs Guy & Co, 114, George-street, in a most artistic and skilful manner.

RURAL SANITARY BOARD.

The fortnightly meeting of the Rural Sanitary Board was held to-day at the Dispensary, Cornwallis street, Mr Egan in the chair. Also present—Mr William Spillane, J P; Mr John M'Inerney, Mr R Holmes, Mr Kennedy, Mr Naughton.

Messrs H J Guinane, Clerk; J Ryan, Solicitor, and J O'Malley, B E, Engineer, were in attendance.

THE LABOURERS ACT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that having referred the question of surcharges in respect of arrears which had been made against certain guardians, to the auditor, the latter saw no way to remit them. With regard to the question of remitting arrears of rent due by Mrs Fitzgibbon, the tenant of a labourer's cottage, the Local Government Board stated that no such power was vested in the Guardians unless legal obstacles existed in the way of recovery.

Mr Drury, auditor, wrote to Mr Guinane stating that he would take no further action against the Guardians who were surcharged and decreed at the County Petty Sessions until the 8th of March, according to the arrangement come in court.

It was proposed by Mr McInerney, seconded by Mr Holmes, and resolved:—"That Mr Ryan be requested to take immediate proceedings against Mr Hennessy for the recovery of the several sums [illegible] since it is the opinion that Mr